

# 2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$65,000 GSF to DPD to update the land use regulatory incentive program for childcare centers.

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Subfund</b>		
<b>General Subfund Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>General Subfund Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$65,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$65,000)
<b>Other Funds</b>		
<b>Planning and Development Fund (15700)</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$65,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$65,000
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	\$0	(\$65,000)

### Budget Action description:

This green sheet would add \$65,000 GSF to the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to update the land use regulatory incentive program for childcare centers. Funding would enable DPD to commission a nexus study with an expanded scope that would be used to inform updates to the childcare bonus program. The childcare bonus program is intended to partially address the demand for childcare driven by downtown employment growth. Scope expansions would include 1) expanding the geographical area of the nexus study to employment centers outside of downtown; 2)

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examining a potential nexus between the demand for additional childcare and employment growth that is based on all floor area developed in a building, instead of just bonus floor area above a base floor area ratio; and 3) including hotel development, instead of just office development, in the nexus analysis. An expanded nexus analysis will provide the Council with more policy options when considering updates to the program.

### **Background:**

During the first quarter supplemental budget, Council appropriated \$200,000 to the Legislative Department and \$85,000 to DPD for consultant resources for economic analyses, review of best practices for affordable housing programs, and development of options for updating nexus studies for the City's land use regulatory incentive programs. These programs allow developers to access bonus floor area in exchange for the provision of affordable housing, childcare, public open space, and the purchase of transferable development rights.

The childcare nexus study helps establish the legal foundation for the childcare land use regulatory incentive program. The program is intended to help address the impact of new development on demand for childcare space. Studies have shown that a lack of childcare can lead to career interruptions and intermittent employment. The gender wage gap is known to widen when women have children. Optimizing the land use regulatory incentive program to meet the demand for accessible and affordable childcare is a part of the Council's wage-equity initiative.

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### Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF support to update Land Use Regulatory Program for Childcare				FG	Planning and Development Fund	Q5971570	00100	2014		\$65,000
2	Increase P&D Fund Revenue from the GSF to update Land Use Regulatory Program for Childcare				DPD	General Subfund Support	587001	15700	2014	\$65,000	
3	Increase Expenditures for update of Land Use Regulatory Program for Childcare				DPD	Planning	U2900	15700	2014		\$65,000